

Remarks/Argument

The indication of allowability of claims 7, 14 and 20 is acknowledged and appreciated. While the undersigned disagrees that the applied prior art anticipates or renders obvious the rejected claims or that newly added claims 27 – 29 are properly withdrawn from consideration for the reasons asserted by the Examiner, the application is amended to limit the claims to the subject matter indicated to be allowable so as to advance prosecution and allow the present application to pass to issue. Specifically, the subject matter of dependent claims 7, 14 and 20 has been incorporated into their respective base claims 1, 8 and 15 to render the latter claims allowable while the former claims are cancelled. Claims 4 and 17 are cancelled as being duplicative in view of the amendments to the respective base claims. Finally, claims 27 – 29 are cancelled in view of their withdrawal from consideration.

The present amendments to the claims are for the purpose of expediting issuance of a patent and are made without disclaimer, waiver or prejudice, Applicant reserving the right to include claims of similar or any other scope supported by the present disclosure in a continuing application.

As the present amendment merely cancels claims and complies with requirements of form by rewriting allowable claims 7, 14 and 20 in independent form as claims 1, 8 and 15, respectively, entry of this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and an early notification of allowance are respectfully requested.

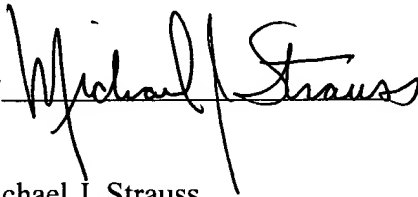
Summary

In summary all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if any fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 714.001/10108288 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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